(b) if so, the details of the discovery by ASI;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ghantasala village of Krishna District was first reported a historical site by Buswell of East India Company in 1870-71; and

(d) if so, what has been done by Government to excavate this area for more historical discoveries?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scientific clearance, carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India at Yernampadu mound, Ghantasala (District Krishna, Andhra Pradesh) in February-March 2006, has exposed remains of three square brick platforms which were served to enshrine Buddhist statues, known as Buddhist *chaitya*. These platforms were referred to as three dimensional structures. In addition, fragmentary limestone pillars, architectural members and pottery of the first and second century A.D. were discovered.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Archaeological Survey of India carried out excavations at Yernampadu mound, Ghantasala (District Krishna, Andhra Pradesh) in 1984-85. Excavations revealed three cultural phases, and among other things, remains of a Buddhist monastic complex. In 2006, the Archaeological Survey of India undertook scientific clearance work here and exposed above-mentioned structural remains and artifacts. After exposure, conservation and preservation of important archaeological remains were undertaken.

Centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh

98. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Centrally protected monuments in various districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount spent on the construction, preservation and maintenance of those monuments during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry to include some more monuments located in various districts as Centrally protected; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The list of centrally protected monuments in various district of Andhra Pradesh is at Statement (*See* below).

(b) The expenditure incurred during the last three years for the conservation, preservation and maintenance is as under:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Years	Expenditure
2003-04	266.13
2004-05	225.87
2005-06	251.34

(c) No, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India has not received any such proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Nember of Centrally Protected Monuments in Andhra Pradesh

Sl.No	Name of the District	No. of monuments
1	Adilabad	0
2	Anantapur	23
3	Chittoor	9
4	Cuddapah	21
5	East Godavari	7
6	Guntur	16
7	Hyderabad	2
8	Karimnagar	0
9	Khammam	1
10	Krishna	14
11	Kurnool	10

Sl.No	Name of the District	No. of monuments
12	Mahaboobnagar	1
13	Medak	1
14	Nalgonda	0
15	Nellore.	5
16	Nizamabad	0
17	Prakasam	7
18	Rangareddy	0
19	Srikakulam	5
20	Visakhapatnam	2
21	Vizianagaram	3
22	Warangal	3
23	West Godavari	6
	TOTAL	136

Construction work of Udai Shankar Natya Kala Academy in Almora

†99. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the construction work of Udai Shankar Natya Kala Academy in Almora (Uttaranchal) has been stalled for the last one year;

(b) whether any time-limit has been set for the construction of this Academy; and

(c) if so, by when this construction work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Culture has released a sum of Rs. 193 lakhs and Rs. 170 lakhs during 01-03 and 05-06, respectively against the sanctioned amount of Rs. 500 lakhs for construction of Udai Shankar Natya Kala Academy at Almora. The work which was stalled for sometime has now been retendered by CPWD.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.